

1 HONORABLE BRADFORD J. DEMEO
2 PRESIDING JUDGE
3 SONOMA COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT
4 600 Administration Drive
5 Santa Rosa, CA 95403

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SEP 28 2020

Clerk of Superior Court of California,
County of Sonoma
By *M. Bentley*
Deputy Clerk

8 SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
9 COUNTY OF SONOMA

10 IN RE: EMERGENCY COURT CLOSURES
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16 The City of Santa Rosa is once again threatened with fire danger. The fast-moving
17 “Shady” fire has penetrated the Santa Rosa sphere of influence and evacuation orders are in
18 place for neighborhoods within 5 miles of the Sonoma County courthouses and moving in the
19 direction of the courthouses. As of the drafting of this order the air quality is deteriorating and
20 steadily declining into unhealthy status according to “Airnow”.

21 The COVID-19 pandemic has caused a severe reduction in resources, personnel
22 availability, and is widespread in Sonoma County according to the Governor’s current criteria for
23 reopening California. The Shady fire layered with the pandemic has crippled the Court’s ability
24 to operate including core services.

25 Thus, due to the threat of health, safety and injury to anyone coming to the courthouse,
26 for good cause, and under the authority of Government Code section 68115, the following orders
27 are made:

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1 IT IS ORDERED THAT,

- 2 1. All Sonoma County Courthouses are closed to the public on September 29, 2020, and
3 September 30, 2020, and only open for essential proceedings involving in-custody
4 arraignments to be conducted in Department 9 of the Superior Court.
- 5 2. All protective orders that would expire on September 29, 2020, or September 30,
6 2020, are extended to October 23, 2020.
- 7 3. Ex parte applications for domestic violence restraining orders will be accepted
8 through the civil clerk's office at the Hall of Justice located at Room 106J, 600
9 Administration Drive, Santa Rosa, CA 95403.
- 10 4. Juvenile delinquency detentions in Department 24, and juvenile dependency
11 detentions in Department 5, will be heard only by remote technology in their
12 respective departments.

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14 Dated: September 28, 2020



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